ELECTION -- A FASCINATING

ON GUESSING DON'T prophesy unless you know" is a pretty safe maxim for this pre-election period. But such worldly wisdom will not keep anybody

from guessing, and some will even prophesy. Not since the first Cleveland campaign have the politicians been quite so badly "up in the air" as they are this time. The number of uncontrolable and baifling factors is greater than ever before in a generation. Usually, this close to election, a fairly clear view could be had of the situation, and the "drift"

was plain to shrewd observers. Not so this year.
On the Republican side, foremost in the elements of doubt is the peculiar management of the campaign. No large issues have been consistently set forth and fought out. The candidate and his thief supporters have taken up a myriad of matters and toucked here and there without driving any offensive in the cam-paign home to destination. The tariff issue has been made impossible as a basis of popular appeal, because of the upsetting influence of the European war. Arguments upon what might have been, arguments grounded in the logic of economics and in the records of past experience, are too vague for the mass of voters. "dollar in the pocket" has argued, silently and vocifer-ously, for Wilson.

The Adamson act, indefensible as the methods of its passage were, specious though the arguments in its behalf, will make hundreds of thousands of votes for

Wilson among organized labor.

The "kept the country out of war" argument scems to be popular with a lot of voters this year. The Republicans have not made much headway with their Mexican and European talk; it is doubtful if many votes will be influenced by it.

Hughes got a bad start. His telegram of acceptance to the convention was a model. But for weeks after he started his campaign he fell steadily in popplar esteem. Something ailed him or his managers. Later he came to life, and it is safe to say that he has been making splendid progress in the states he has covered in the last four or five weeks. As one experienced political observer sized him up, "his vote getting power is limited only by the range of his voice." He never did seem to grasp the vital fact that he was talking to the whole country through the news-papers every day. But as a personal campaigner, be in far superior to Wilson, and would be so even if Wil-

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Wilson has a tremendous hold on the "independent" voters this year, all over the country. And the vote of women in 12 states wa'l be an element of great doubt until the count comes in. Will they reinforce "peace" argument with their votes, or will they repudiate it? Even the most ardent Democrats are Perced to confess that it is a curious situation in which the secretary of war is a pronounced pacifist who objects to the militaristic tendencies of the Boy Scouts; in which the secretary of the navy has expressed doubts whether we need a real navy at all; in which the president, three days after the sinking of the Lusitania, finds nothing better to say than that we are "too proud to fight," and takes occasion at the funeral of marines killed at Vera Cruz to beg sympathy for himself on the plea that "bullets only kill" while the sneers directed at the chief executive "wound the heart." Perhaps this sort of thing appeals to the majority of voters at this time of singular immunity from attack and unprecedented if becite prosperity. What the "preparedness" movement within the administration amounts to, is illustrated in a measure by the fact that there are fewer men in the regular army today than there were before the "new army" was passed-that enlistments have not kept up with discharges and losses. But "Who cares?"

with discharges and losses. But who cares; that is left for the election to answer.

The Republicans through long years taught the voters to "let well enough alone." The slogan is hurring the ears of the Republicans this year. "Well enough" may mean now to "concede anything just so we keep out of trouble," and it is an undoubted fact that Americans have grown used to being wronged and abused by nations little and big, and by groups with-in the country, and do not, as a rule, feel disposed to resent with old-time vigor the invasions upon elemental rights, domestic or international. How far is the meek acceptance of imposition to go? The election will help to answer that question. Maybe the American people have already made up their minds to stiffen their backbones and hold up their beads once more; maybe they haven't. Maybe the sees of present security for their dollars and their sense of present security for their dollars and their hides will outweigh all considerations of ultimate wel-fare and permanent safety; maybe it wen't. Maybe

son were not hampered by the requirements of his there still lives in the republic some regard for the republic's soul, some loyalty to national ideals; maybe there doesn't. The election will help to show the tendency of the popular thought; is it free, or in it bound? is it all sordid, or is it far seeing? Is the nation to slink, or to upstand? The nation has grown

rather used to slinking. "My words shall be few," said lord Chatham, "but they shall be daggers." "Our words shall be many," say our present day interpreters, "and they shall mean nothing." Has the nation gained or lost prestige, permanent security, and power to advance the world's progress, by the policy that has been pursued? Voters next Tuesday will express their convictions as to that. How will the women vote? Women in 12 states will vote for presidential electors; in six of the states

they vote for the first time in a presidential election. They will add 1,235,000 voters to the electorate-800,000 in Illinois alone. Are they for peace with honor, or peace with dishonor? The election will in-dicate. It is not inconceivable that the women may actually determine the final result. The politicians teel sure of only one thing concerning them, as indicated by past performances; that the women will vote independently, and will not slavishly follow the lead of their male relatives-they may even take pride in canceling the votes of those same male relatives. The politicians used to say that the farmers were the "wildest," the least tame, among the voters; that distinction has been transferred to the women.

"Peace with honor, or peace with dishonor"-that is the choice that is set before us. Partisans will assign the appropriate phrase to one or another of the candidates respectively, as may seem properly to ac-cord with varying habits of thought and action. Shall our words command par, or shall they be subject to the discount that always betokens weakness and dis-trust? Shall we have party government, or national government? Shall we govern ourselves through chosen representatives, or supinely bow to dictators? Shall we uphold standards, or merely make places for office holders? Shall we direct our policies so as actually to achieve right ends, or shall we trust merely that our failures will be forgotten and pardoned? Next Tuesday we shall be called upon to answer.

What is the outlook? About 17,000,000 men and

women will vote. Of the 48 states, 14 are commonly deemed doubtful. There will be 531 electoral votes, 266 necessary to a choice. Conceded to Wilson are 178 votes; conceded to Hughes are 159 votes; doubtful in varying degrees are 194 votes. Let us analyze the

In the doubtful list may be placed New York with 45 electoral votes, Illinois with 29, Ohio with 24, Indiana with 15, New Jersey with 14, Wisconsin 13, Iowa 13, Kansas 10, Nebraska 8, West Virginia 8,

Colorado 6, Delaware 3, New Mexico 3, Wyoming 3.

If Hughes gets New York he can win with 62 more otes made up from the foregoing list of states. If Hughes loses New York he will have to get 107 votes out of the other states above listed, whose total

votes number 149. Thus it would be theoretically possible for Hughes to win even without New York, Ohio, and Indiana, though that combination would not be probable. If he lost those three and also lost as many as 4 other votes

out of the above doubtful list, Hughes could not win Without going into tedious detail, it is safe to say that there is no reasonable likelihood that Hughes will win unless he gets New York, with its 4£ votes.

If Hughes wins New York, it is safe to assume that such a victor would indicate a "drift" that would also insure him Illinois with its 29 votes. He would then most likely states from which these 33 might be drawn, in the order of probability, are: Kansas 10, Wisconsin 13, Wyoming 3, Delaware 3, New Mexico 3, New Jersey 14, West Virginia 8, Iowa 13, Nebraska 8, Colorado 6. Ohio 24, and Indiana 15, remain, but they are generally conceded to Wilson, and only a landslide or the wholly unexpected would throw them into the Hughes column. In other words, if they, or either of them, should go to Hughes, it would indicate substantial gains in other unlooked for directions.

Here is plenty of material for readers to do their own figuring with. The Herald has sifted the sit-uation down to what seem its final factors of doubt, and they are doubtful enough to suit anybody.

The Herald here gives readers the data, runn back to the elections of 1904 and 1908 before the Republican split, and including 1912 when the Republicans and Progressives fought each other. (In the

table, R stands for Republican and D for Democratic R 175,000 R 202,000 D 200,000 Himois R 126,000 1) 23,000 D 33,000 Wisconsin R 156,000 R 4,000 R 3,000 D 6,600

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No vote No vote D 2,700 R 80,000 R 83,000 D 33,000 R 32,000 R 26,000 D 34,000 West Virginia Town R 87,000 D 4,200 D 36,000 Colorado R 255,000 R 69,000 D 146,000 R 95,000 R 11,000 D 120,000 In each of the states above named, in 1912, the popular vote for Wilson was less than the combined vote for Taft and Roosevelt. In New York, Wilson polled 43 percent of the combined of all three; in Illinois 39 perpercent of the commoned of all fines; in fillnes 39 per-cent; in Kansas 42 percent; in Wisconsin 46 percent; in Wyoming 49 percent; in Delaware 46 percent; in New Mexico 44 percent; in New Jersey 43 percent; in West Virginia 45 percent; in Iowa 39 percent; in Ne-braska 46 percent; in Colorado 47 percent; in Ohio 45 percent; in Indiana 47 percent

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percent; in Indiana 47 percent. In 1912 many Republicans voted for Wilson; how La many Progressives will vote for him this time? That

is one of the puzzles to figure on. Next Tuesday night, the first fairly complete returns from any important doubtful state to arrive will be those from New York and will be thrown on The Herald's screen in Pioneer plaza early in the evening. If Hughes loses New York, it will almost certainly mean his defeat in the election. If he wins New York, then the figuring will commence on the other states in the above list. Hughes could win without New York, as has been already indicated, but experience has shown that New York is a pretty reliable indicator for many other states, so that the chance of winning without it is almost too slim to consider. But if it should so happen that many of the other doubtful states began tolling in for Hughes, the issue might be held in sus-pense for many hours. The election of one candidate or the other will be known and conceded long before the detailed returns for even the doubtful states are in.

Roundabout Town

Some Things the Boy Scout Is Taught To Do Scout Executive Flagle Discusses the Subject

last night," and Chas, D. Flagle, scout executive of the El Paso Hoy Scouts, as he dropped into a chair while I was resting while it was writing.

"Bream-what sort of a dream about the Boy Scouts?" I asked. "His it the first time." said hedreamed that I was preparing for my

"I cannot see anything about that which should came you to be excited. I said. "Just what would you have took anyhow."
"Do? Listen to this. To "Do? Listen to this. To become a acout a boy must be at least twelve years old and must pass a test in the

fellowing:

following:

total Know the scout sign, law, salite and significance of the badge.

(Just four big pages)

"2. Know the composition and hirtory of the national flag and the custoward farms of respect due to it.

omary forms of respect due to it. Only two pages to study and men-

"Well, I must say, that is a pretty stiff proposition the first time one tries to do it." I said.

"The idea, Mr. Martin, is to find suit if the boy who presents himself to be a scott, is a sure 'suff real boy or just a don't care chap," the scout executive continued. Then he quoted

names and anow to use the semi-phone or the International Morse at-phabet.

"4. He must track half a mile in twenty-five minutes or if in town, describe satisfactorily the contents of one store window out of four observed for one minute each.

"5. Go a mile in twelve minutes at scout's pace, about fifty steps running and fifty walking.

"6. Cook a quarter of a pound of meat and two potatoes, in the open, without the ordinary cooking utensits.

"Like property the knife or hatchet.

hatchet.

"S. Plarn and deposit at least \$1 in a public bank.

"2. Prove ability to build a fire in

The Daily Novelette HOLD YOUR HATS.

I'm no Socialistic yawper. But I really declare, That I'd rather live a pauper, Than die a millionaire.

Than die a millionaire.

(Symbolis of proceding chapters; The action takes place in Pennsylvania, in 1748. Mrs. Percy Vere Long, a heautiful but honest New York widow of Finnish-Dutch extraction, flees to the Pennsylvania woods to escape the attentions of the ghost of her deceased husband, which has been haunting her New York home. Strolling in the Pennsylvania woods she meets Werrenrath Goger, the only man that she ever really loved. At that moment war whoops made themselves heard on all sides, and Mrs. Long and Gonger are pursued by a saveage hand of Souse Inciden, heads and tomahawking at the top of their volves. An exciting chase begins. Gonger and Mrs. Long outdistance their pursuers for a while by stealing a ride on a passing locomotive. Before they obtain the engineer's rooming to telephone for a rescuing lastly as soon as he reaches a station. Worn out and breathless, they are forced to stop, and the Souses capture them and tring their seah to a steamer's stanchious prepare to set them free.

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ith sudden inspiration, Mrs. Purcy vere Long amnaged to reach down and agiract a wireless telegraph instrument from her stocking. Desperately (Editor's pote: The books of reference in this office show that trains, telephones, etc., were not heard of in the days of which the author speaks, so in justice to our readers we cannot allow the story to continue

The apen using not more than two matches.

That is all that a boy has to do to select on the job. On yes, there is still another degree, but there will not be no many wishing an examination on the first class scent degree, so t wish to tell you what I beard a boy say to his principal the other day. Miss you will not see me sent down to your room any more. I've stopped coming for good. That is what hundreds of boys are saying, and before the year is out some other things will be different in mug our boys, said the scout executive in his enthusiasm. The scout executive promises to get publicity back at home. The said then of them of the more of the more of them wrote the other day that there were a number of wealthy scope living in Laredo, but he could not see the reason for it. Here that wealth out buy. I would like to see the Laredo charmer of commerce when that letter, which was published in Jacksonville, gets back there.

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them said:

"Hughes is going to be elected, if the north is as criticisatic over him as the south is. The selfter of the Jackssonville Times-linion. a Democratic paper always, told me that while there was no chance for Hughes to carry Florida, the Republican vote in that state would surprise the people alli over the country. The Times-linion is this year advocating the election of Hughes."

TES MEDITA



There's too many people in this country that want t' be th' winnin' side regardless o' anything at stake. "I don't know how Wilson stands on th' invasion o' Belgium, but Hughes' whiskers are divided," said Tipton Bud t'day.

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LETTERS to THE HERALD

(All communications must bear the signature of the writer, but the name will be withheld if requested.)

POLITICS IS THE ANSWER.

nation of livestock and agricultural interests, as esparated from dairying, and efer to in the feeding of livestock of all kinds on the winter pastures of the farms of this valley. A livestock show in the minds of most people, owing to in the mands of most people, owing to fong usage, is associated with ranch and dairy stock. This is especially true of this western country, and the definite suggestion which I have to offer is that, in making up your committees and outlining the activities of the proposed association, full rensiduration by given in space and awards to those who are engaged in the combined industry of agricultures and stock raising and feeding. I have talked to a great many of those who raise cattle on the ranges of this southwestern country, and they fully realize that the feeding on the pastures of the valley will be an outlet for thousands of head of livestock—especially those that are highly bred.

The basis of complaint was that he have been omitted, and that the article as number of the train she left on had been omitted, and that the article as number of the train she left on had been omitted, and that the article as number of the train she left on had been omitted, and that the article as number of the train she left on had been omitted, and that the article as number of the train she left on had been omitted, and that the article as number of the train she left on had been omitted, and that the article as number of the train she left on had been omitted, and that the article as number of the train she left on had been omitted, and that the article as number of the train she left on had been omitted, and that the article as number of the train she left on had been omitted, and that the article as number of the train she left on had been omitted, and that the article as number of the train she left on had been omitted, and that the article as number of the train she left on had been omitted, and that the article as number of the train she left on had been omitted, and that the article as number of the train she left on had been omitted, and that the article as number of the train she left on had been omitted, and that the article as number of the train she left on had that the article as number of the train she left on had that the article as number of the train she left on had been omitted, and that the article as number of the train she left on had that the article as number of the train she left on had been omitted, and that the article as number of the train she left on had that the article as number of the train she left on had that the article as number of the train she left on had that the article as number of the train she left on had that the article as number of the train she left on had that the article as number of the train she left on had that the article as number of the train she left on had that the article as number of the train that the article as number of the train the least of the

WATCHING A COUPLE

Little Interviews

Next Fall's Show Ought To Be Dual Affair Should Comprise Stock and Farm Exhibits

The movement inaugurated for the holding of a livestock show and exposition, should meet with instant favor and insert the cooperation of all of those interested in the development of the aouthwest," said Julius Krakauer, in a letter to the chains for the conclusion that the sincess of farming in the EI Paso valley or any other valley, depends largely upon a combi-

putting on foot the proposed exposition."

"The scenic road new about to be completed by C. A. Kinne through Kern Place and Fiedmont Heights on the mena, beginning at the end of the pavement on Kansas street, passing over the hills and valleys on the mesa and connecting with the county road at the rement plant, is zoing to be the most picture-sque drive in El Paso county." said Adrian Pool, county Judge. "This road will be a great joy to El Paso motorisis and will serve to relieve the confested traffic between El Paso and the cement plant on the main road, for it will carry practically all the automobile traffic, on account of the heautiful scenery, and will be one more thing that El Paso will have to be thrankful for on Thanksziving day, which will be about the day of the completion of this most picture-sque driveway."

"I have been received with more hospitality in El Paso than in any other city I have ever been with the government exhibit," and A. A. Ormsby, in

MORE Truth

By JAMES J. MONTAGUE.

Continuous Performance.
Life with the administration is just one demand for a cabinet resignation after another.

What Else Can He Mean? Political Divisions on Railway Trains,

The Evening Post correspondent, Referring, probably, to Jim Crow cars.

The Greater Need, Finnish Defends Greater Navy.— Headline. But it would take more than a greater navy to defend Dunish.

Approaches It Once in a While. If Mr. Wilson isn't very careful he may forget his premise before the end of the campaign and make a political speech.

It Looks Like It. Is this another campaign in which the man who knows one condidate will yote for another, and they're both blame well known.

Almost Holding His Own.
Mr. Tatt has lost 100 pounds in the past year, but inamnuch as he lost all the Hepublican states but two four years ago, a little thing like weight can't worry him very much.

MEXICAN WITH SHEETS AND CLOAK DETAINED BY POLICE. Haif a dozen white linen sheets and a cloak were seized by the city detec-tive department Thursday morning, following the arrest of a Mexican ta-

borer at the Santa Fe street international bridge on suspicion. The sheets, it is believed were taken from a home in the northern part of the city, and officers are making efforts to find the owners. The Mexican chaimed that the articles had been given to him by hatel proprietor on South El Parkstreet for the purpose of taking them to Junes. He is being held in the city jalt.

HOGWALLOW LOCALS By GEORGE BINGHAM



wanger shot at a crow setting on the straw stack pole on Musket Ridge Tuesday of gun hung fire and the crow was in great suspense while waiting to know its fate. The Excelsion

Ellick Hell-

Constable last night. He has suspected foul play for some time and now he is convinced of it. Miss Flutie Belcher is back from the teacher's institute at Tickville,

Fiddling Band serenaded the Depity

and now lifts her eyebrows when she iniks. Sidney Hocks is building a fence around a pig he traded for last weeks

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High Prices

UR forebears, whose bright shades are soaring where noble anthems swell, while here on earth did little roaring about H. C. of L. Of simple manners, they went plugging around the mundane scene; they had no wish to go chugchugging, or burn up gasoline. To Mother Nature they were closer; they did not spend their brass, for canned provisions, with the grocer, but raised their garden sass. The barber seldom saw their money into his cashbox drop; when hair and whiskers got too funny, their wives would shear the crop. They went to roost at early gloaming, tired by the toilsome day; you never saw our grand sires roaming along the Great White Way. They read no fiction, light and shallow, they sought no movie shows; they greased their boots with mutton tallow, and were no underclothes. If they could journey back from Eden, and watch us for a spell, they'd understand, as we went speedin', our fierce H. C. of L. Copyright, by George Matthew Access. WALT MASSIN. Copyright, by George Matthew America.

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